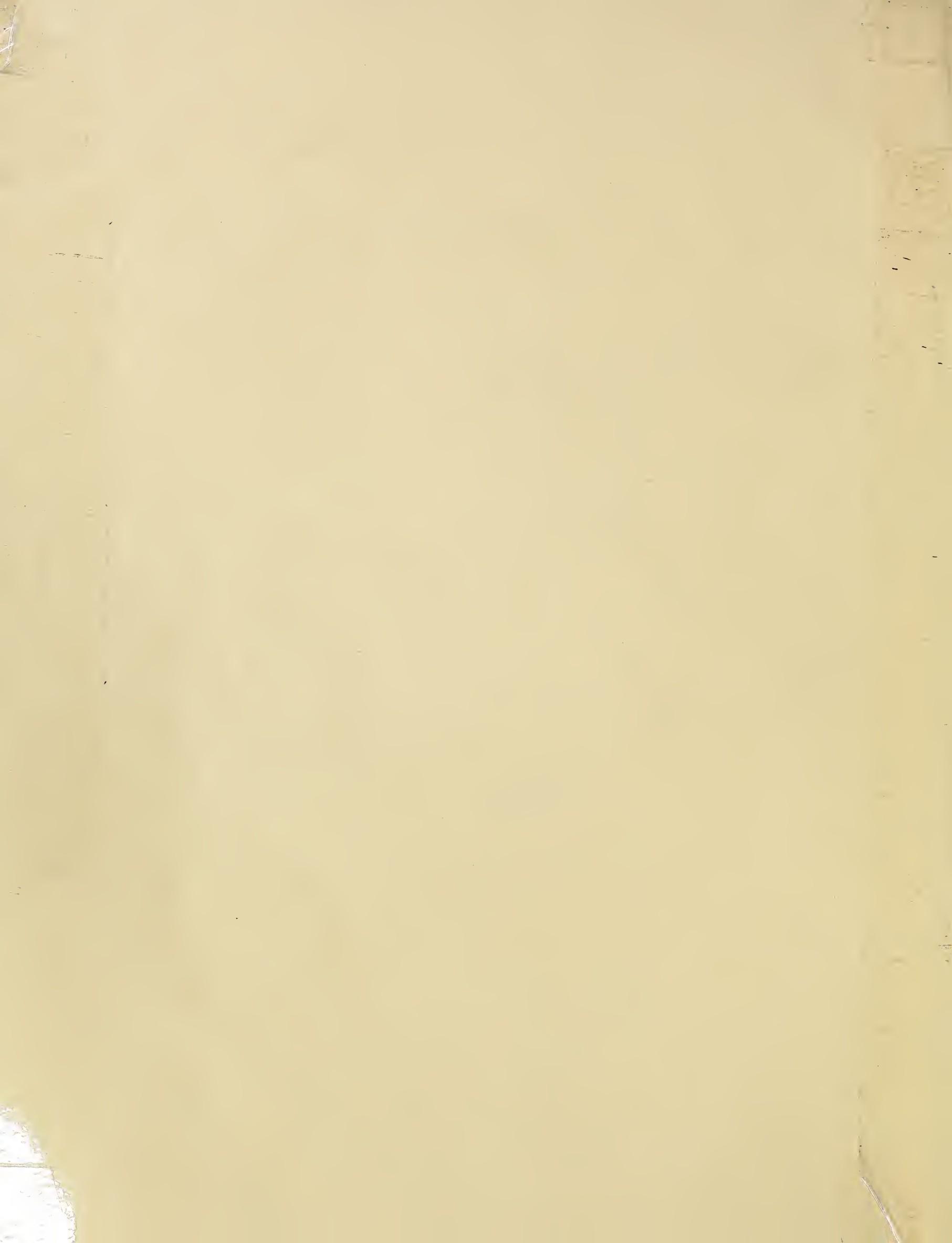


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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended December 3, 1948)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30--- Again this week, there are no "Best Buys" in the fruit division.

Classed in the "Fairly Good Buys" are apples, grapes, and pears.

Citrus fruits continue in the high-priced group, along with avocados.

Tangerines are becoming more plentiful, but are still rather expensive.

In the vegetable department, prices have been on an upward trend, with the result that there are no "Best Buys" this week. "Fairly Good Buys" include cabbage, cauliflower, potatoes, and tomatoes.

In the "Fair Buy" line-up are celery, corn, onions, and sweetpotatoes.

Last week's trading in the wholesale meat market more or less gave way to the traditional turkey. Generally, the week's slaughter was light. However, fresh pork products were in larger volume and moved into the spotlight at lower prices. Most fresh pork cuts were around \$2.00 lower, but spareribs were an exception and advanced \$2.00 per hundredweight. Refined lard packed in one-pound cartons was 50 cents lower per hundred pounds. Beef and veal were in rather slow demand, while there was a slight improvement in demand for lamb. Prices on those classes were unchanged.

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Trading in the wholesale butter market has been somewhat irregular during this past week, when trading started off at an active pace to satisfy Thanksgiving needs and then slowed down later in the week. Prices sagged 1-cent during the week but have gone up 1-cent on top grades today, and 3 cents on Grade "B." As a result, Grade "A" is 1-cent higher than last Tuesday at 67 to 68 cents per pound, and Grade "B" is also up 1-cent at 67 cents per pound. An improved demand locally, plus higher prices in central western markets, are the reasons for the price advance. Supplies are adequate.

All Grade "A" eggs are unchanged in price from last week, while Grade "B" Large eggs are 2 cents higher per dozen. Demand has continued good -- especially for the holiday. Production continues to lag, but generally supplies are adequate.

Practically all classes of poultry have been in good demand -- particularly for the holiday -- and prices are 1 to 2 cents higher on broilers, fryers, roasters, and all weights of Leghorn hens. Turkeys were in slower demand than usual for Thanksgiving, but are 1 to 2 cents per pound higher on both young hens and young toms.

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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Dec. 10, 1948)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7--- The fruit department is still without any "Best Buys," but there are several "Fair Buys" -- including apples, grapes, grapefruit, and pears.

Avocados are becoming more plentiful and lower priced, as are tangerines, but they are still rather expensive.

Oranges and lemons are slightly lower, although still in the high-priced bracket.

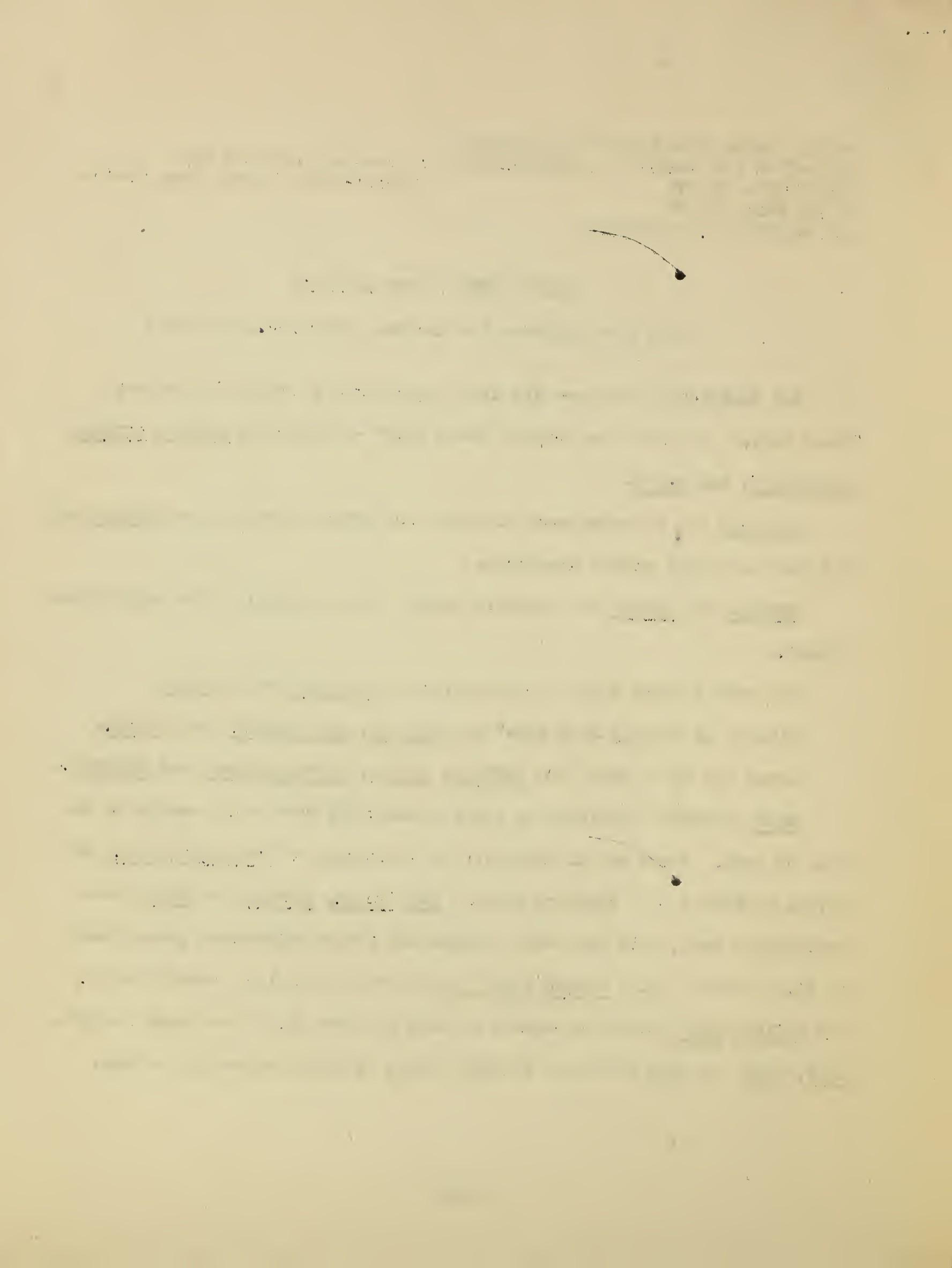
The week's "Best Buys" in vegetables are carrots and potatoes.

Classed as "Fairly Good Buys" are cabbage, cauliflower, and celery.

Among the "Fair Buys" are lettuce, onions, sweetpotatoes, and tomatoes.

Meat slaughter continued in light volume this past week, except in the case of pork. There was an expansion in the supply of fresh pork cuts, and prices continued on a downward trend. Pork loins, picnics and butts were exceedingly weak, with some hard chilled and frozen midwestern packs \$2.00 to \$4.00 lower. No. 1 sliced layer bacon dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight, and refined lard packed in 1-pound cartons was down \$1.00 per hundredweight. Beef, veal and lamb have been in fair demand at mostly unchanged prices.

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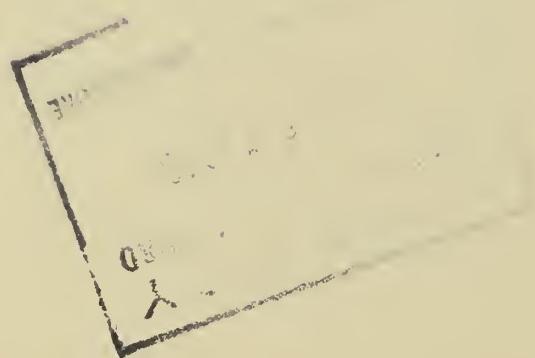


The butter market is not greatly changed from last week. Top grades are only slightly higher, with Grade A(92 Score) quoted at 69 to 70 cents per pound. Grade B(90 Score) is unchanged at 67 cents per pound. Supplies are adequate for demand.

Colder weather in producing areas is reported to have slowed up receipts of fresh eggs. However, eggs have been received from Utah and Washington to supplement local supplies. Grade "A" Small eggs are 2 cents per dozen higher than last Tuesday, but all other grades and sizes are unchanged. Quotations are: Grade "A" Large 72 to $72\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen, Mediums 67 to $67\frac{1}{2}$ cents, Smalls 57 to $57\frac{1}{2}$ cents, and Grade "B" Large 64 to $64\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen.

The supply of all classes of poultry is adequate for the present moderate demand. And all classes -- except turkeys -- are practically unchanged in price from last Tuesday. Young turkey hens are 4 cents higher on live weights, and young tom turkeys are up 4 to 5 cents from a week ago.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Dec. 17, 1948)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14--- There are still no so-called "Best Buys" in the fruit department, but grapes, grapefruit and pears are "Fair Buys." Apples are higher, and although small oranges are somewhat lower, they are still rather high priced.

Lemons and avocados remain in the high-priced bracket.

Cauliflower is this week's "Best Buy" in vegetables, followed by carrots and cabbage as "Good Buys."

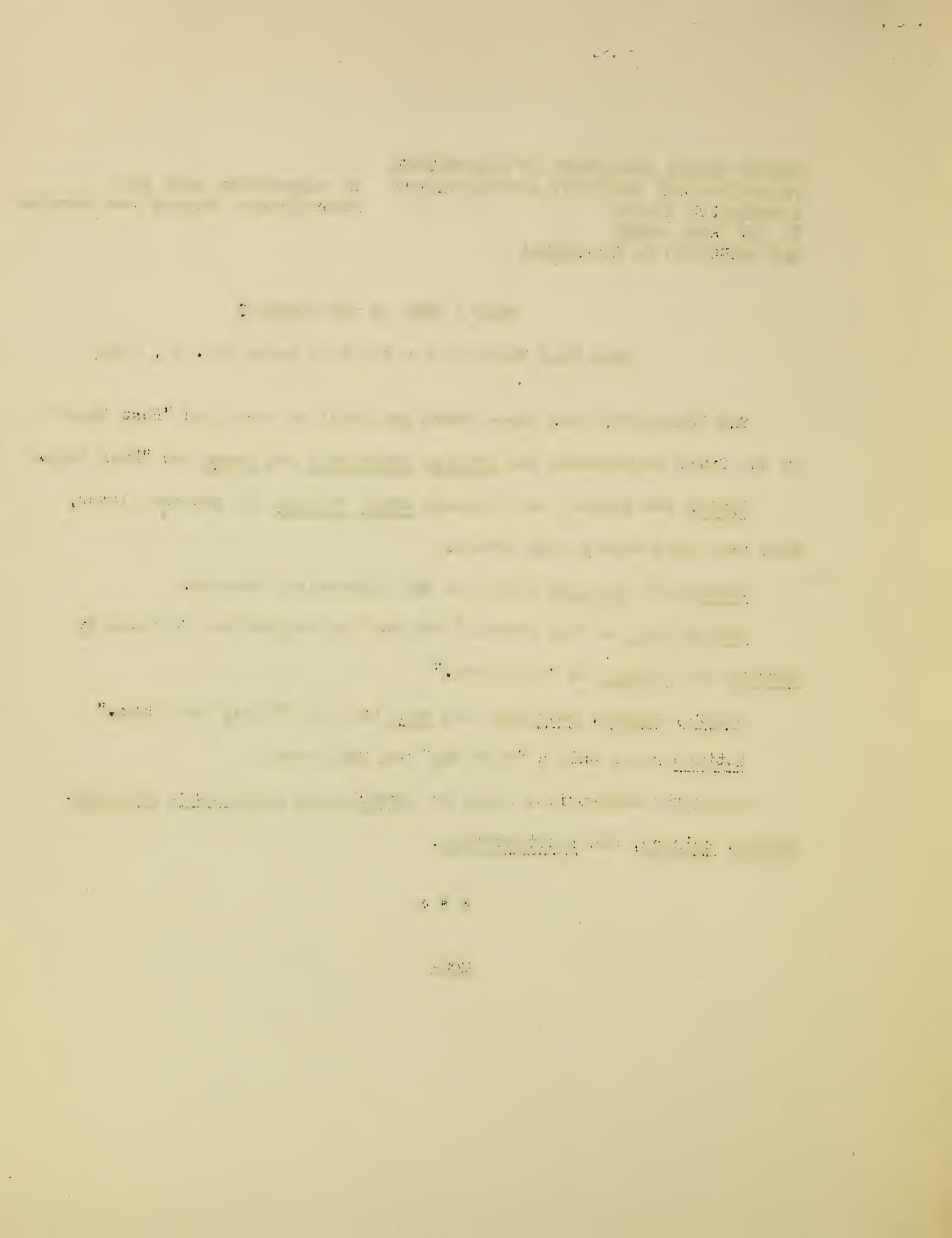
Celery, onions, potatoes, and yams are all "Fairly Good Buys."

Lettuce rates only a "Fair Buy" tag this week.

Among the high-priced items are artichokes, snap beans, broccoli, squash, spinach, and sweetpotatoes.

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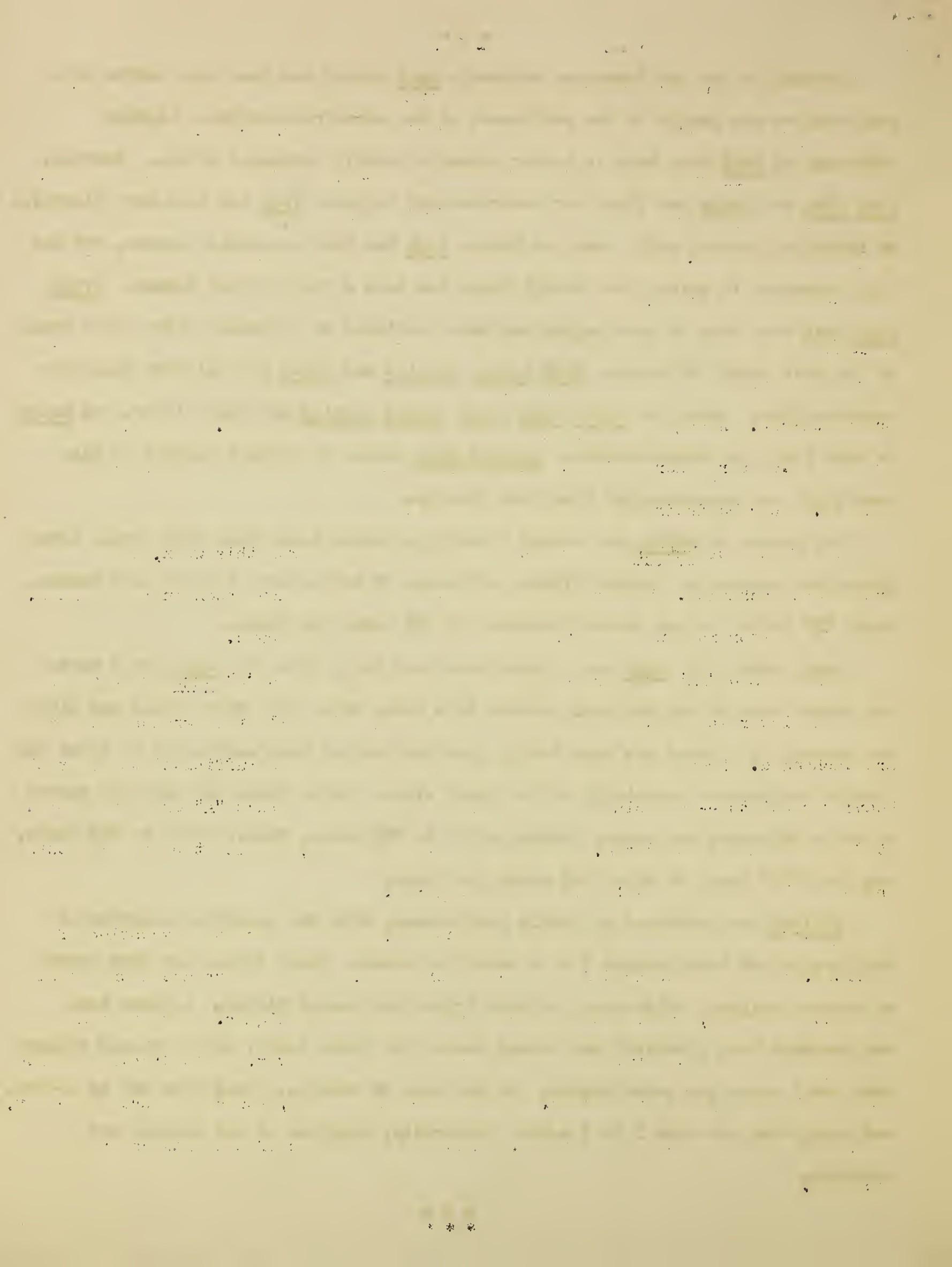


Trading in the San Francisco wholesale meat market has been more active this past week -- due partly to the settlement of the waterfront strike. Lighter offerings of beef have been in better demand at mostly unchanged prices. However, beef ribs and loins are \$2.00 per hundredweight higher. Veal has been more plentiful at unchanged prices, while Good and Choice lamb has been seasonally scarce, but has held unchanged in price, even though there has been a fairly broad demand. Fresh pork cuts have been in good supply and have continued the downward wider price trend of the past couple of weeks. Pork loins, picnics and butts are all down \$2.00 per hundredweight. Among the cured pork cuts, smoked picnics are \$4.00 lower, and bacon is down \$2.00 per hundredweight. Refined lard packed in 1-pound cartons is also down \$1.00 per hundredweight from last Tuesday.

Top grades of butter are around 2 cents per pound lower this week, while lower grades are unchanged. Rather liberal offerings of butter have been in slow demand. Grade "A" butter is now quoted wholesale at $67\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound.

Large Grade "AA" eggs are 4 cents lower and Large Grade "A" eggs are 3 cents per dozen lower in the wholesale market this week, while all other grades and sizes are unchanged. Demand has been fairly good but has not been sufficient to clear the heavier receipts -- especially on the large sizes. Large Grade "A" eggs are quoted at 69 to $69\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen, Mediums at 67 to $67\frac{1}{2}$ cents, Smalls at 57 to $57\frac{1}{2}$ cents, and Grade "B" Large at 64 to $64\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen.

Poultry has continued in fairly good demand, with the possible exception of broilers, which have dropped 3 to 4 cents per pound. Small fryors are down 1-cent on dressed weights, while heavy colored fryors are 1-cent higher. Leghorn hens are somewhat more plentiful and around 1-cent per pound lower, while dressed colored hens are 2 cents per pound higher. In the case of turkeys, young hens are up 1-cent, and young toms are down 1 to 2 cents. Generally, supplies of all classes are adequate.



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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Dec. 24, 1948)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21--- Fairly Good Buys in fruits this week are grapes (considering the season of year), grapefruit, and tangerines.

Cranberries and pears are the two Fair Buys of the week.

Avocados are slightly lower, as are some sizes of oranges, but they're still in the high-priced bracket.

Best Buys in vegetables are cabbage and cauliflower, followed by carrots, onions, and potatoes as Fairly Good Buys.

Celery and sweetpotatoes are Fair Buys.

Among the high-priced items are artichokes, snap beans, broccoli, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, squash, and tomatoes.

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There is nothing startling to report on the San Francisco wholesale meat market this week. Supplies have been light, with almost token deliveries of beef, very limited supplies of Choice veal, and a seasonally scarce amount of Good and Choice lamb. Fresh pork has continued the trend of the past few weeks, with supplies liberal and prices on a downward trend. Practically all fresh pork cuts have dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight from a week ago. Refined lard packed in 1-pound cartons is also \$1.00 per hundred-weight lower. All other meats are practically unchanged in price.

Wholesale prices on top grades of butter are practically unchanged from a week ago. But Grade "B" butter is 3 cents lower at 64 cents per pound. Grade "A" is quoted at 67 cents per pound. Local butter production has changed very little, but receipts from the mid-west have been heavier to result in quite liberal supplies. Demand, on the other hand, has been rather slow.

All grades and sizes of eggs are unchanged in price. Supplies of most grades are sufficient for all needs. Quotations are: Grade "A" Large 69 to $69\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen, Mediums 67 to $67\frac{1}{2}$ cents, Smalls 57 to $57\frac{1}{2}$ cents, and Grade "B" Large 64 to $64\frac{1}{2}$ cents per dozen.

Poultry has been in moderately active demand. Fryers, roasters, and colored hens have been in especially good demand, with the result that prices are 2 to 3 cents higher than a week ago. Broilers in little demand are 4 to 5 cents lower on live weights, and 2 to 3 cents lower on dressed weights. Ducks are in short supply and 4 to 5 cents higher, while young hen turkeys are 1 to 2 cents lower, and young tom turkeys are around 1-cent lower.

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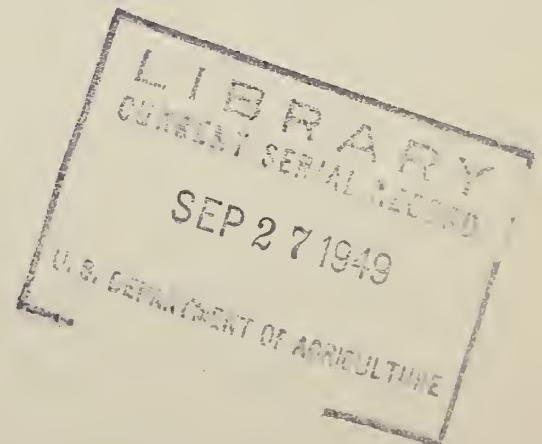
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28--- In the San Francisco wholesale produce market, there have been no so-called "Best Buys" in fruits this past week. But there are a number of items in the "Fair Buy" class -- including Watsonville Pippin apples, cranberries 50 cents lower per 1/4-barrel box (25 pounds), grapes, grapefruit, tangerines, pears, and persimmons.

Lemons and oranges have advanced in price in the wholesale market, and avocados remain high.

Among the vegetables, the "Best Buys" to be found in the wholesale produce market this week are carrots (slightly higher priced), cabbage, onions, and potatoes.

"Fair Buys" this week are cauliflower, celery (slightly higher), and sweetpotatoes (slightly higher).

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In the San Francisco wholesale meat market, pro-Christmas demand for beef and lamb was very slow. In fact, the demand for beef was the slowest in many a year. As a result, steer beef carcasses are generally \$2.00 lower than last Tuesday, while steer and heifer beef cuts are down \$2.00 to \$4.00 per hundred-weight on sales to retailers. Good and Choice grades of lamb have been scarce, but prices have dropped \$1.00 to \$2.00. Rather light offerings of veal have held unchanged in price. Fresh pork in fair demand has held practically unchanged in price, as have cured pork cuts. Refined lard packed in 1-pound cartons has dropped around \$1.00 per hundredweight.

Supplies of butter in the San Francisco wholesale market are quite liberal. California's butter production for the month of November was 46 percent larger than a year ago. In addition to local supplies, shipments have been coming in from the Mid-West. Prices are little changed from a week ago. For Grades A&AA (1st Quality), prices are unchanged at 71 to 73 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints to retailers. Grade B (2nd Quality) is 2 cents higher at 70 to 71 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints to retailers.

The San Francisco wholesale egg market has sufficient eggs for all needs. Prices are unchanged from a week ago. Quotations to retailers are 73 to 74 cents per dozen for Grade "A" Large eggs in cartons, 71 to 72 cents for Grade "A" Mediums, and 61 cents per dozen for Grade "A" Smalls.

Dressed poultry is in ample supply in the wholesale market, with prices little changed from a week ago. Colored roasters, colored hens, and ducks have been in strong demand, while there has been little demand for broilers. Quotations to retailers are slightly higher on colored roasters at 57 to 58 cents per pound, 1-cent higher on all weights of Leghorn hens on a range of 45 to 47 cents per pound, and slightly higher on rabbits at 66 to 67 cents per pound. All other classes are unchanged in price, including young hen turkeys at 72 to 74 cents per pound, and young tom turkeys at 60 to 62 cents.

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